

The Callington Voice

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF CALLINGTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE



New Year Honours for Joshua

A former Callington Community College student who was part of the team of British divers has been decorated for his role in rescuing a boys' football team from a Thai cave. The dramatic rescue operation gripped the world's attention in the summer. Diver Joshua Bratchley, was appointed an MBE for his role in the rescue. Joshua, 27, who is a Met

Office meteorologist based at RAF Valley in Anglesey, Wales, used to work for Devon Cave Rescue Organisation. He said to receive such recognition was "incredible".

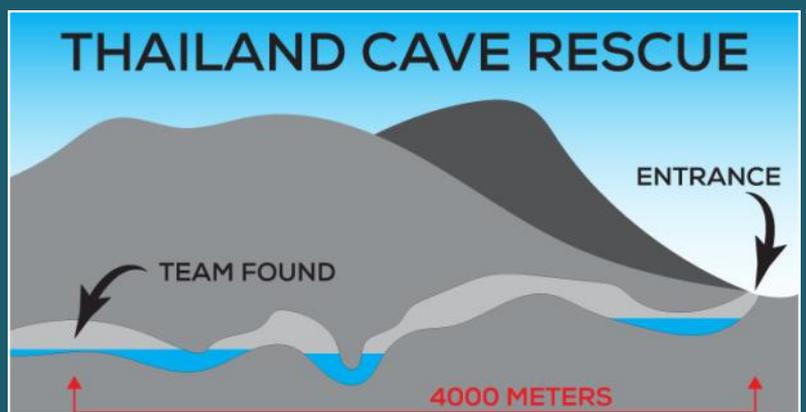


A true hero isn't measured by the size of his strength, but by the strength of his heart

Hercules

The British divers answered a call by Thai authorities to join the search for 12 boys aged 11 to 16 and their football coach, who had disappeared in the Tham Luang Nang Non cave system in Chiang Rai province on 23 June last year. The boys, who were members of the local Wild Boars youth football team, became trapped after heavy rains caused flooding. The first rescuers

reached the group on 3 July but then faced the dangerous task of getting the whole team out safely, with the forecast of heavy rains and the risk of water levels rising. The dangers of the three-day operation were highlighted when a former Thai navy diver died from a lack of oxygen during the mission. The final members of the group emerged on 10 July, prompting celebrations across Thailand and further afield.



Attendance Matters

At Callington Community College we are continuing to focus on attendance and punctuality and would like to remind you that we are aiming for attendance to be at least 96%. Currently, we are a little below this and need your continuing support to ensure we hit this important mark.

This week we conducted the prize draw for those students with 100% attendance during December; 2 students were randomly selected from Years 7 - 11 to receive the £15

Amazon voucher. The winning students included: Year 7: Erin O'Shea and George Rule-Hodson, Year 8: William Southcott and Katelin Watson-Dawe, Year 9: Joe Steer and Callum Legg, Year 10: Tom and Year 11: Issy Smith.

THANK YOU SO MUCH to those families who have been working hard to ensure their children's punctuality and attendance is high. THANK YOU for getting these important habits established early on in your child's life as it will make a difference to their futures. We really do appreciate you tackling the busy mornings, come rain or shine, to get to the College on time so that the students can begin learning on time and so that other students' learning isn't affected by late comers. **Punctuality Matters too! Missed minutes = missed learning = missed opportunities!**



As a school, we are aware lateness can severely affect achievement. We monitor punctuality closely and have strategies in place to address lateness. Awareness of the impact of lateness is raised regularly with students. Registration begins at 8.30am and all students are expected to be lined up outside their Tutor room at this time.

Education lays the vital foundations of a child's life. Regular and punctual attendance at school is key to both academic and social development, which in turn will improve the life chances of children and young people.

As promised in last week's issue of the Callington Voice, here is an update of the winning Tutor groups for last week's attendance. **Mrs P Mathieson**

Year 7

7RPR

100%

Year 8

8MB

97.1%

Year 9

9YP

100%

Year 10

10HP

95.7%

Year 11

11KK

99.2%

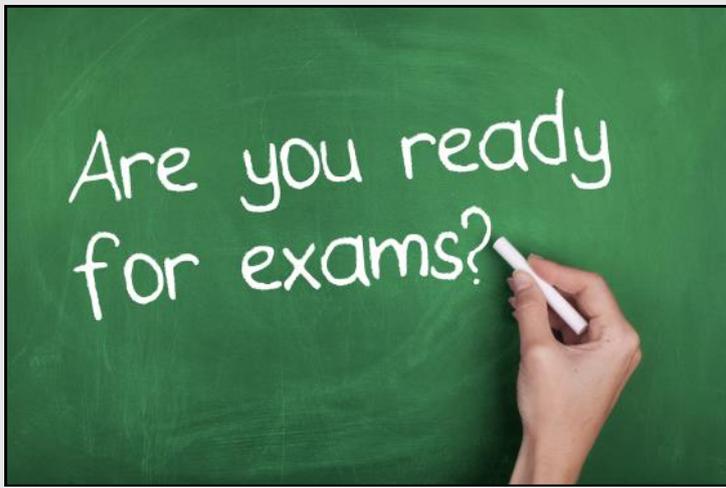
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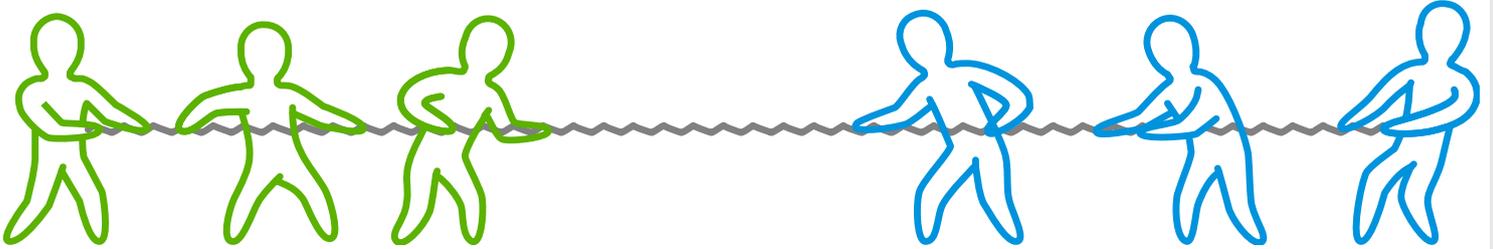




Thank you to Year 11 parents/carers who attended this week's Parent Information Evening and to staff for giving up their time to provide information on examination preparation. It is clear that Year 11 students are focused and we hope that the information and guidance from teachers will help both students and parents/carers to know what steps students can take to address any gaps in skills, knowledge and understanding in specific subjects ready for the examinations. If you missed the evening, please keep a watch for the information that will be distributed this week.

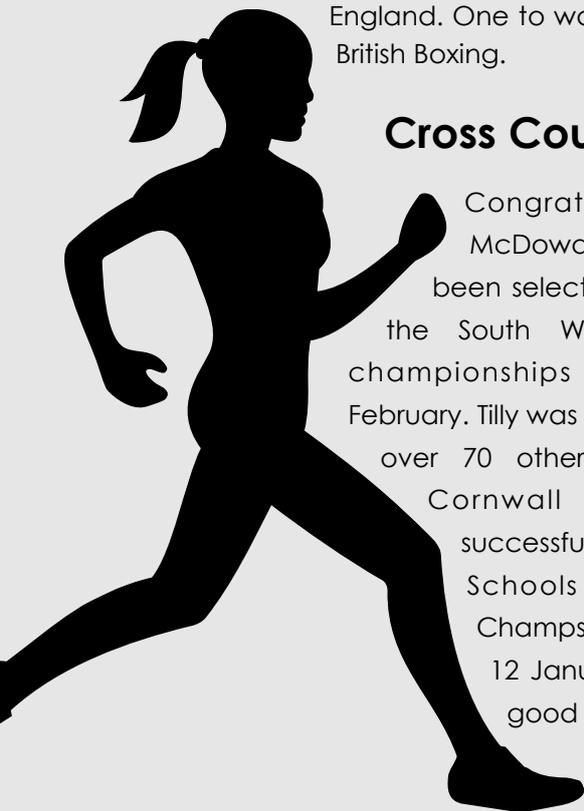
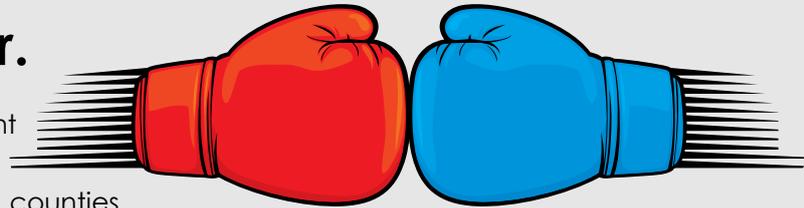
Tug of war!

We are really looking forward to the next few weeks which sees the launch of our Staff Tug of War which has been organised by our Sixth Form Sports Leaders. The competition is running over three Friday lunch times. It will hopefully be a really fun event. We will keep you updated.



Decide. Commit. Conquer.

Leah Howe, in year 8, has been selected to represent Devon Boxing having been through her preliminary sparring rounds this weekend. She will face other counties throughout the year, in a bid to be the best boxer in England. One to watch for the future of British Boxing.



Cross Country Success

Congratulations to Tilly McDowall in Year 11 who has been selected to run at Bath in the South West Cross Country championships on Saturday 2 February. Tilly was selected (along with over 70 other runners from the Cornwall area) after a successful run at the Cornwall Schools Cross Country Champs held on Saturday 12 January. Well done and good luck!

Head Girl Update

Last Friday, Callington Community College's Mental Health Ambassadors had the first session of a new club we have started this term: "Friday Club". Involving a selection of Year 7 students, the aim is to help build the sense of community and well-being within the College, allowing Year 7 students the opportunity to mix with other year groups in a friendly and social situation. This week we started with potato printing and had great fun extending new skills and chatting. Our upcoming weeks involve a range of activities from cooking to yoga - a busy and diverse schedule! All the children really enjoyed the session and can't wait for this weeks session where we'll be taiko drumming down in Music!

Jorgia Pickett

Parents, welcome to:

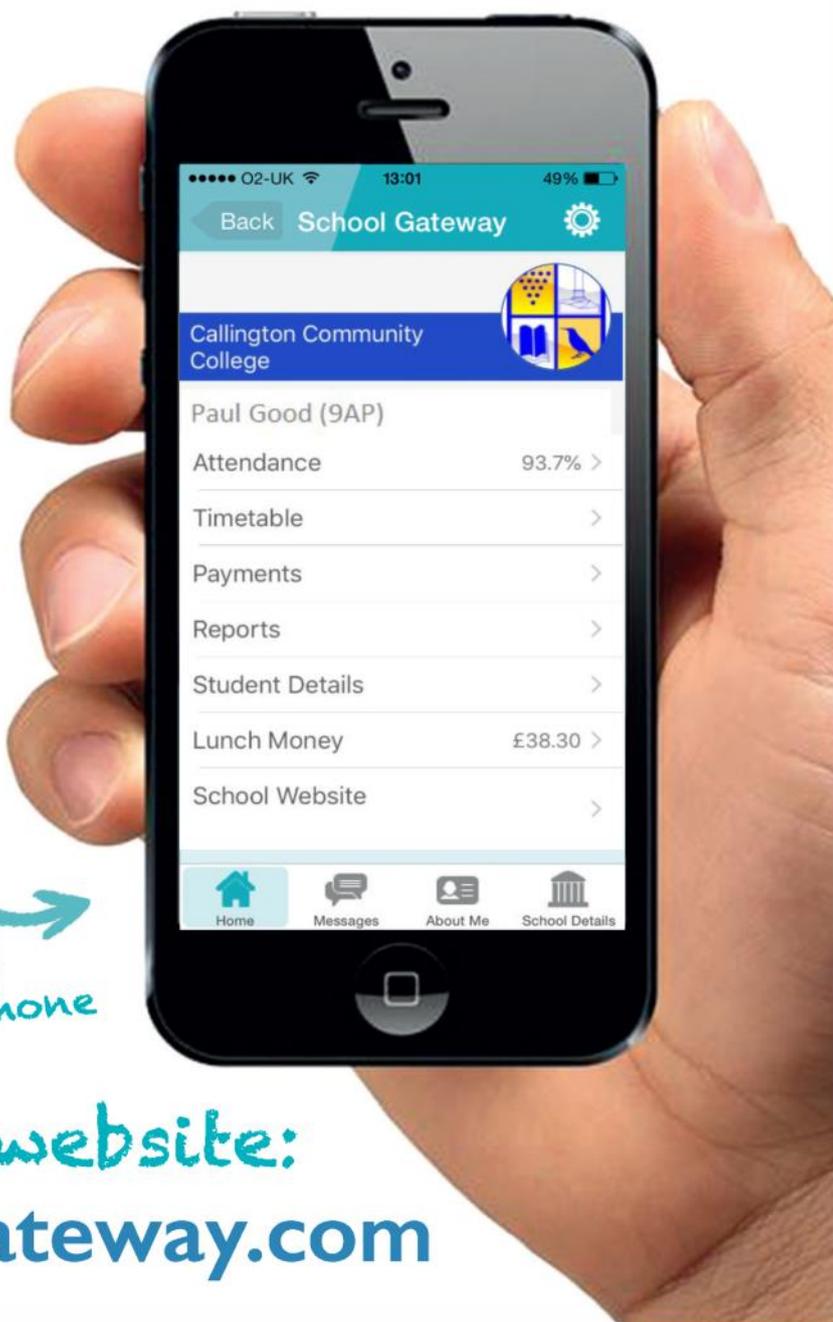
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